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NOTE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

At the 3308th meeting of the Security Council, held on 9 November 1993, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item "The situation in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council expresses its deep concern at the reports on the deterioration of the situation in Central Bosnia where increased military activities are seriously threatening security of the civilian population.

"The Security Council demands that all parties and others concerned refrain from taking any action that threatens the safety and well-being of the civilian population.

"The Security Council is equally concerned at the overall humanitarian situation prevailing in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina. It reiterates its demand to all parties and others concerned to guarantee unimpeded access for humanitarian assistance.

"The Security Council, aware of the heavy burden that these developments add to the existing precarious humanitarian situation of the refugees and displaced persons in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and in the surrounding countries, calls on all parties to assist the competent United Nations agencies and other humanitarian organizations in their efforts to provide relief to the affected civilian population in those countries.

"The Security Council urges all parties and others concerned to exert the utmost restraint and refrain from taking any action which might exacerbate the situation."